



# PULASKI BASEBALL NEWS

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## 2021 Board Officers' Update

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We are a few months away from opening day, and with all that 2020 brought, I think it's safe to say we are ALL feeling a renewed appreciation and excitement to be able to get back to some sort of normal! With that being said, we are finding our way in the new normal and we have some modifications to this season. Please closely read the following newsletter in its entirety. We have several changes to the way the pre-season has run in the past. We've also made some changes at the younger team levels.

## Save the Dates!

February 1: Player/Coach/Umpire Registration/Application Opens

February 8: League Clinic Registration Opens

February 24: 2021 Coach Selection and Board Meeting

March 5-7: Discount Shopping Days at Dick's Sporting Goods

March 7: Coaches' Clinic

March 29: Spring/Summer Pulaski Fan Gear Sale Opens

Indoor Practice Clinics for League Players :

March 28, April 11, 18, 25 (at Sports Emporium)

Indoor Competitive/Tournament Team Practices:

March 26, April 9, 16, 23 (at Sports Emporium)

April 5: League Draft - Coaches Only

April 11: Park Clean Up - *All Families Please Plan to Help*

April 12 and 17: 9u -14 u Pitching Clinic (at Sports Emporium)

April 19 and 24: 9u -14u Catching Clinic (at Sports Emporium)

April 12: League Rosters, Practice and Game Schedules Posted to Sports Engine

April 13: Parent Meeting

April 14: Concessions Sign Up Opens

April 18: Park Clean Up Make Up - *All Families Please Plan to Help*

April 19: Outdoor Practices Begin (Weather Permitting)

May 15: Opening Day Celebration and Uniform Pickup

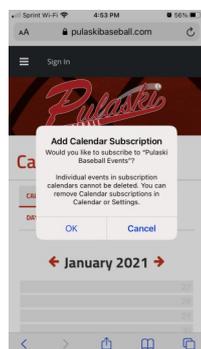
May 16: Early Bird Tournament

May 18: League Games Begin

For 2021 tournament team schedules, click [here](#).  
*Please note, White team tournaments are quite not finalized yet.*

### Subscribe to the Pulaski Baseball Calendar!

Want to stay up to date with all the events happening with Pulaski Baseball? Using your phone, click [here](#), it should ask you if you would like to add our calendar to your phone. It's that simple!



## Meet Our Newest Board Member

### Luke VanLannen - Player and Coach Development

Luke is a 2014 graduate of PHS. He has joined our Board as our Player and Coach Development specialist. Luke played Division 1 Baseball at Valparaiso University, and spent four summers playing for the Bullfrogs/Booyah. Currently, he works for Bellin Health in the Radiation Oncology department. Rumor has it, he used to throw from one foul pole to the other at the Reds diamond during his high school playing days. We can't wait for him to help build up the next generation of big arms and bats in Raider Nation! Welcome, Luke!

## 2021 Player Registration

We will open all player registration on February 1, 2021. Late registration begins March 1, 2021 with a \$25 late fee per player. Please read the following age/bracket information carefully, so you register your child for the correct league (register by CURRENT GRADE). Each league player will receive a hat and jersey. Tournament/competitive players will receive a hat and two jerseys. For full information on leagues/competitive teams [click here](#). To register, [click here](#).

### **Tee Ball: \$55 Pre-K and 4K**

(Current Grade: Pre-K and 4K/ages 4 and 5, player must be 4 years old on April 30th. May include current Kindergarteners by parent request)

This is an instructional league designed to teach the fundamentals of the game. All players will hit off of a tee. No score will be kept. All practices/games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in mid-May and ending in mid-July.

### **Machine Pitch Minors: \$60**

(Current Kindergarten and 1st Graders NOT playing on the 7u tournament team)

**We will no longer be offering a coach pitch league at this level.** This is an instructional league designed to teach the fundamentals of the game. All games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will be a modified machine pitch league, using soft core balls and pitching from 40 feet.

### **Machine Pitch Majors: \$65**

(Current First graders playing 7u tournament team, 2nd grade & 3rd graders not ready to play Pee Wee)

This league is designed to continue teaching the fundamentals of the game, but at the same time develop some of the more advanced requirements of the game. Players will hit off of a pitching machine, strikes recorded, with players being called out under normal rules of the game. All games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays

### **Pee Wee: \$80**

Current grade: 3rd and 4th, ages 9 and 10 NOT playing on competitive teams.

This league is designed to continue teaching the fundamentals learned in previous years with the addition of pitching, stealing and bunting. Position rotation and playing time rules exist. All games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Little League: \$80**

Current grade: 5th and 6th, ages 11 and 12 NOT playing on competitive teams. This is league play.

This league is designed to continue teaching the fundamentals learned in previous years to advance players skills and abilities. Position rotation and playing time rules exist. All games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### **Pony League: \$100**

Current grade: 7th, age 13

This is a traveling league that competes against teams from other communities in either the Bay Area Pony League. It is designed to help develop more advanced skills as they increase to an intermediate sized field. 13u Tournament Team will play in the Competitive division. Remaining Pony League players will play in the Recreational division. Games could be played on any night of the week (M-Th)

### **Babe Ruth: \$110**

Current grade: 8th only, age 14

This is a traveling league that competes against teams from other communities in the Fox Valley Babe Ruth League or Bay Area Babe Ruth League (TBD soon). It is designed to help develop more advanced skills as they increase to a regulation sized field. 14u Tournament Team will play in the competitive division, and the remaining Babe Ruth players will play in the recreational division. Games could be played any night of the week (M-Th).

*Registration Information  
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## Tournament/Competitive Teams

We now offer two levels of tournament teams. Our Red, competitive teams, do not play in league. They play in five weekend tournaments throughout the season and play 1-2 games per week vs other area tournament teams. Games can be played any night of the week M-Th.

Our white tournament teams are comprised of league players who would like to play in three tournaments per summer. White tournament players have regular league games on Tuesday/Thursday during week and play in 3 weekend tournaments per summer. Tryouts may be required based on interest levels. White tournament teams are offered for 9u, 10u, 11u, 12u and 13u and 14u.

**To register for Red/White teams:** If your child participated in the Fall Showcase of Skills and finished in the top ten, please register for the appropriate "Red Competitive" team. If your child did not finish in the Top 10 but would like to be considered for a Red coach pick, register for the appropriate White team. Kids that didn't try out for Red but want to play some tournament ball and/or aren't selected in the final top 12 for Red can play on the White teams. White team tryouts may be required if more than 12 players are interested in a white team.

The fees for these teams are as follows:

Competitive "Red" 9u-12u \$150

Competitive "Red" 13u: League fees + \$110

Competitive "Red" 14u: League fees + \$115

7u - 8u Tournament teams: League fees + \$80.00

9u - 12u White: League fees + \$65.00

13u White: League fees + \$65.00

14u White: League fees + \$70

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## Spring Indoor Workouts for League Players

In years past, we've held four indoor Saturday workouts (at Pulaski High School) for all league and tournament team players. During this time, coaches also evaluated the two additional "coaches' picks" for the tournament teams. We will not have access to district buildings, and as a result, we have had to secure private pay rental space off district grounds. Our board worked hard to negotiate the best prices and times possible - with several community groups looking for rentals space/time is at a premium this spring. In order to accommodate the most league players where we can, **the following Sunday indoor practices will be open to league players only.** We will be holding indoor practices between 8:00 am and 12:15 pm at the Sports Emporium in DePere on the following dates/times.

March 28th - April 11th - April 18th - April 25th

If you would like your child to participate in these practice sessions a nominal fee of \$20 per player will apply (covers all four weeks). Groups are limited to the first registered/paid 20 players in each age group. Registration is on a first come/first serve basis. Because we don't have access to a large gym/free rental for 8+ hours a day, we must limit participants and time. Once the group sells out, we can not add any additional players. We realize this isn't ideal, but we are doing our best to offer practices during these restrictions.

If you would like your league player to participate, registration opens at 7:00 pm on February 8, 2021. **We will email/post registration links next week.**

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## Spring Tournament Team Practices and Tryouts

Much like our league practices, tournament teams (Red and White) will also have the opportunity to participate in additional indoor practices. We have secured four practice dates for tournament teams (this will include red/white teams 7u-14u). Practice dates are as follows (exact times/team schedules TBD). Each team will have a spot between 5:00 and 9:00 pm on Friday nights. If you registered to try out in the Fall and did not make the top ten, and would like to be considered as a coach pick, you must attend these practices so coaches can evaluate the candidates.

March 26 - April 9 - April 16 - April 23

There is a nominal fee of \$40 per tournament/competitive player to participate in all four sessions. **Registration link coming soon!**

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## Coaches' Applications

Calling all coaches! The success of our program hinges on recruiting and retaining quality coaches who are committed to helping kids grow in the sport! We need coaches at ALL levels for both league and tournament teams. If you haven't coached before; now, more than ever is the time to step up!

Experience is always preferred, but if you are lacking, we can always pair you with a more experienced coach. In order for our program to continue to grow and be able to compete, we need more parents to volunteer. Pulaski Baseball puts on a terrific coach's clinic that details the drills and activities that are the foundation for a successful program. In addition to these clinics, on our website, there is a 'Coaches Corner' that has videos outlining: Hitting, Throwing, Pitching, Infield, Outfield Drills and Practice Plans. To complete your application, click [here](#).

Coach selections will be made and announced by February 24. **If you are interested in coaching and are selected to lead or assist a team this year, please be prepared to attend the following meetings/practices:**

Coaches Clinic: March 7 - location TBD

League Player Draft: April 5

Indoor League Practices: March 28, April 11, 18 and 25th

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## Umpire Applications

Do you have a son or daughter (outgoing 8th grade or older) that would be interested in umpiring? We are now accepting applications for umpires. Home plate umpires are paid \$20 per game, and field umpires are paid \$17 per game. There are opportunities to umpire several games a night, and make some great summer cash! Umpire training will be held closer to Opening Day. Questions, please contact our Umpire Coordinator, Robbie Schuettpelz at [Schuettpelzrob@gmail.com](mailto:Schuettpelzrob@gmail.com) To apply, click [here](#).

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